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DAWN MCCARTY NAMED DIRECTOR OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL INSTITUTE

LANSING, MI, September 15, 2003 – Attorney Dawn McCarty has been appointed Director of the Michigan Judicial Institute (MJJI) by the Michigan Supreme Court, the Court announced today.

McCarty has served for the past year as Interim Director of MJJI, a training division of the State Court Administrative Office. The MJJI was created by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1977 to provide state judges and court staff with continuing education.

“I am pleased that Ms. McCarty has accepted this position,” said Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan. “She has many years of experience with MJJI and has helped train judges and court personnel on a wide range of topics. The Court has every confidence that MJJI will continue to provide outstanding service to our state courts under her leadership.”

Corrigan added that continuing training for judges and court staff is a high priority for the Supreme Court. “When judges and court personnel do their work well, the public at large benefits,” she said.

McCarty previously served as a program administrator with MJJI, a position she held for 10 years before becoming Interim Director. Her principal responsibilities were to design and provide educational opportunities for new and experienced trial and appellate judges. She has worked with professionals in various disciplines to develop presentations, workshops, and seminars for judges. Before serving as program administrator, McCarty was a research attorney with MJJI for six years. In that capacity, she co-authored several benchbooks (Contempt of Court, 1987; Probate Court Benchbooks Vol. I-III, 1990; and the Criminal Monographs, 1992) and served as Co-Editor of two judicial periodicals (*Impact* and *Colleague*).

McCarty received her law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University. From 1988 to 1996, she served as an adjunct professor at Cooley Law School. She has also served as a guest lecturer at Western Michigan University.

McCarty, her husband Larry Royster, and their two daughters reside in Williamston.

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